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January 30, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 25 we have not banned dogs at Fresh Pond Reservation. However, the Water Board has become increasingly concerned about the potential health hazard posed by dog feces near the City's watershed. Dogs and dog feces are associated with the transmission of Giardia lamblia, a microscopic parasite, that may cause a gastro-intestinal infection when found in drinking water.

To better protect the watershed and to address the public nuisance of uncontrolled dogs at Fresh Pond Reservation, the Animal Commission has increased surveillance and enforcement efforts. Attached is a copy of an informational leaflet outlining current regulations; this leaflet is being distributed to dog owners who use the park and is posted on the park's bulletin boards as well. The Animal Control Officers are issuing warnings, followed by fines, to violators. In addition, a group of local dog owners are assisting in these efforts to better educate their neighbors about the care and control of animals at Fresh Pond.

We are hopeful that these efforts to increase public awareness as well as enforcement will result in a higher rate of compliance with existing regulations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 2 *S-63*

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 25 on
the rumor of dogs being banned at Fresh
Pond Reservation.

In City Council,

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